

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

The object to be monitored is connected to the data carrier 11. Upon initialization, for example upon turn-on, the data carrier 11 receives the absolute position data from the position - determining system 6 via the position sensor 20. The position data received upon initialization are transmitted directly to the information unit 5. The transmitter 21 provided in the data carrier 11 is used for this purpose. It is also possible to transmit additionally included information, such as time and identification, to the information unit 5. The information unit 5 stores the respective areas in the form of electronic maps. The information unit 5 receives the absolute position data of the location of the object transmitted by the data carrier 11 during the initialization process. In the information unit 5 said absolute position data is assigned to the respective area in which ~~the~~ with the data carrier 11 is now located. The information in which area the object with the data carrier is now located is stored in a data bank of the information unit 5. The boundaries of the area in which the object is located are transmitted back to the data carrier 11. The data carrier 11 receives these boundaries by means of the receiver 22. The boundaries may be transmitted in the form of data of a polygon. The data carrier 11 stores these boundaries in the memory 23.